GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Horse stealing seems to be a reigning

fad near Muncle Nearly all the county fairs suffer financial loss this year. The first ice of the season formed in southern Indiana Sunday night.

Crawfordsville has already begun preparing for a rousing Hallowe'en. Over three hundred people from Posey county left for Chicago yesterday morn-

The Ohio Falls car works company has ordered a reduction in wages of 10 per Henry Hogan of Nulltown was thrown from a buggy in a runaway. His thigh

Jerry Collier of Morgan county has gathered and hulled 100 bushels of wal-

nuts this season Charles Rominger of Hope has lost two children by diphtheria very recently

and two others are sick of it. Thousands of bushels of tomatoes lie rotting in the fields around Whiteland. due to the heavy frosts of this week. A Howard county farmer has been arrested for pouring water on his hay

when he went to sell it, so it would weigh more. If the Wabash river does not rise soon the nimrods expect a glorious season catching bass in the tributaries and lake

near that stream. Five hundred inmates of the Indiana soldiers and sailors' home at Knightstown were admitted free to the John Robinson circus last week.

Connersville \$330.56 when everything is paid, and would have cost \$700 if all were pald who wanted to be. William Strong, while working on a

from a beam twenty-five feet and received internal injuries that will result Grand Juror Tafflinger, while going from Jeffersonville Wednesday

night over the Ohio & Mississippt road to Nabb, was relieved of \$500 by a pickpocket. A Valparaiso woman recently lost her husband, his life being insured for \$2,-

000. The broken-hearted woman at once telegraphed her relatives in Ohio: "Jim died this week; loss fully covered by in-Anthony Navarre died in Washington on Sunday, aged sixty-two years. He was the son of Peter Navarre, who was

the first white settler of South Bend, and his mother was a full-blooded Pottawattomie Indian. Ben Jenks, who was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and the costs for maintaining a nuisance in the shape of pet skunks in the window of his saloon in

New Albany, has appealed the case to the supreme court. Frank Martin, a young lives two miles southwest of Osceola, was out hunting Sunday and shot two fingers off his left hand, beside badly lacerating his hand, by the accidental

discharge of his gun. Mr. Henry Sherlock of this city who, as has been stated, recently received a good paying appointment in the United States marine service, has selected Mr. Charles E. Pfau of Indianapolis as his private secretary.-Madison Courier.

Warsaw has an epidemic of diphtheria and the disease is prevailing in numerous places in the state to an alarming exent. All necessary precaution should be taken by our board of health to prevent it getting a foothold in the city.

The Farmers and Merchants' (Nebeker's) bank of Covington, this state, which suspended during the panic, completed its payment in full to depositors Saturday. It is the first bank in the it busy. fallen list, either state or national, to pay up in full.

The long delayed free gas line for factories will soon be a roaring reality. All arrangements have been made the shipment of the gas pipe, and the work of trench digging will begin in a eler can drive along footpaths and few days as we are reliably informed .-

G. D. Knapp, who teaches at the Carter school house, about four miles west of Frankfort, had his foot badly injured Sunday by a horse stepping upon it. It will lay him up for some time, and being unable to get a teacher in his place, the school was dismissed.

Gatton & Hastings shipped their famous trotter, Gamer, to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday, where he will be in training for one year. Gamer is one of the coming wonders of the turf and one year of. good training will put him to the front in good shape.-Vincennes Sun.

R. H. Ashmore of Center Point has the boss pear tree, planted five years ago, which has now borne three crops, that of this numbering 356 matured pears, besides the windfalls. It is the Kieffer variety. We may challenge any other tree this side of California to equal it.

An organization to be known as the Social science club has been formed at Richmond and the following officers elected: President, J. T. Joyce; vice-president, Malcolm Ritchie; secretary, James Bond; treasurer, C. Patterson; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Brunner.

The contest of the will of the late John Hilt, the wealthy ice man, will be commenced at the November term of the Laporte circuit court. The estate is valued at \$500,000 and the litigation is said to be the result of his failure to adequately provide for all the heirs. The residence of A. S. Reed, in John-

son township, was entered by a burglar while the family was at the fair last week. The thief left the contents of drawers and wardrobes scattered all over the rooms, but carried away nothing except a cake which had been left in the Lewis Winship, a farmer living near

Rushville, claims to have the best crop of corn in the state of the same acreage. The seed planted is known as the Dent corn, each kernel being dented and sixteen rows to the ear. Six ears strung out measured six feet and six inches in

Leo F. Tomaszewski, the hustling real estate man of this city, has been named by Governor Matthews as a delegate to the world's real estate congress to be held Oct. 23 at the world's fair grounds under the auspices of the National real estate association.-Madison

Adam C. Humbarger, an aged resident of this county, was found dead in an open field near Tampico Monday evening. He is well known in this city, borne. Eriday the girl went to a woods where he has made his home with his children, Mr. M. Humbarger, corner of Markland and Courtland-aves., and Mrs. Will Scott.-Kokomo Tribune.

George W. Burnham, formerly a resident of Mt. Vernon and a brakeman on the Air line, tried to suicide in the Princeton jail on the 14th, where he was confined for larceny. He used a rope but was cut down before he suc-ceeded in his attempt. He was twice under arrest there on suspicion of crook-

and he will pay you back your money.

The Hope creamery still stands idle, but the new law says you can only enjoy that sport from Nov. 10 to Jan. 1. The fire-bug. ducks, squirrels, etc., a chance for their "white alley."-Mt. Vernon Democrat.

A Goshen school boy is said to have brought to his teacher a letter from a physician stating that "this boy is unfit will be necessary if he survives. to attend school for 304 days," The long and exact period aroused the susdays.

A young lady examining and pricing some hosiery in a Laurel store recently, finding a pair that she liked, asked the "how high those came?" Green Clerk: "Why, I don't know exactly, but think about two inches above the knee. You may step into the back room and try them on if you like."-Connersville Examiner.

Uncle Sol Hixon has his wood house full of wood nicely corded eight feet high, which he has ranked all himself. Uncle Sol is nearly eighty-eight years Middlebury Independent.

We have a sample of corn on our desk raised on some of the swamp lands reclaimed by the big ditch lately constructed through this county. It is as fine as one could wish for and will average at least seventy bushels to the acre. Mr. Randolph Hire has one field of seventyfive acres that will yield at least 5,000 bushels.-Ligonier Banner.

The family of John K. Welker, near Ramsey, Harrison county, is terribly afflicted. Mr. Welker, his wife and four The late small-pox case will have cost sons are all prostrated by typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Welker are thought to be past recovery, and two of the sons are so low that their lives are despaired of. new barn near Fairview Thursday, fell | The other two sons are showing some indications of improvement.

Miss Nellie Agnes Vancleave, a Greencastle girl and a daughter of Tilton A. Vancleave, will be married Monday at Kokomo to Charles F. Burns. The groom is a wholesale oil merchant of Chicago, and the bride, who is beautiful and accomplished, has served as his stenographer and private secretary for a long time.-Greencastle Democrat.

It has been four days since any peaches came to South Bend by express over the Michigan Central and the busy peach season is at an end. During the busiest time three car loads of peaches came here by express over that line each day. Several days the express managers handled twenty-two tons of peaches were received over that peach market and no mistake.

Dr. Clark was called seven miles south of the city yesterday to attend Jacob Martin, who, the messenger said, had had some fingers mangled in a hay cutting machine. When the doctor arrived at Mr. Schaffner's he found that he had not only lost all his fingers but a good portion of his hand. The result was that the hand was amputated two inches above the wrist.-Elkhart Review.

At a wedding in Aurora, Ind., recently the contracting parties were James W. Chase and his step-daughter, Samantha E. Cloe. His present wife is the daughter of his second wife and becomes the step-mother of her half sister, a child about twelve years old. He has been married three times and is about fortyfive, while the age of his bride is twen-

The Ohio Falls iron works, that has been idle for two weeks, will resume operations in all departments next Monday. During the temporary suspension of work at these mills an immense new fly wheel and two large cog wheels have been set up, giving the mill additional power and capacity. The Ohio Falls fron works has orders sufficient to keep

A German at Batesville, county, has received a patent on a onewheeled road cart, which he styles a monocycle. The vehicle goes upon a single wheel, and its inventer claims that it has many advantages. The travthrough woods, through narrow gates and over rough ground. The cart is

drawn by one horse. W. B. Godfrey has turned over the postoffice at New Albany to his successor, Charles W. Schindler, Mr. Schindler has made the following appointments: Thomas J. Harmon, assistant postmaster; Miss Fanny Schindler, money order clerk; W. B. Richardson, engineer. Within a few days Mr. Schindler will appoint a janitor for the public building, and this will be all the appointments for some time.

Leonard Miller, one of the Staunton burglars, has given the information that it was Edward Alexander and Edward Thompson who Pobbed William Modesitt of \$26 in cash the early part of last summer while Modesitt, in a state of intoxication, was lying in the rear of the store building of Cooper & Biller. Modesett had drawn his pension money that day. Thompson has not yet been arrested.-Brazil Democrat.

William Nobes, residing west of Purdue, was the victim yesterday of another accident, dislocating his left wrist while sawing timber on the Madendorf farm. four miles west. Mr. Nobes seems to be a victim of fate against that good left member. Recently he mashed a finger and that having no more than healed when the thumb was mashed. Yesterday's accident was to the wrist. Nobes says the elbow is due next.-Lafayette Dally Courier.

John Dougherty has been peddling lead pencils about the city for some days, and Officer McConlogue found him in the railroad yards yesterday morning drunk, and arrested him. At the calaboose the officers were searching him, when he took a handful of nickels and dimes from his pocket, put them in his mouth and swallowed them. It is needless to say there is money in that man, but the officers cannot get it. He went down .-Richmond Daily Indepenent.

The final test of their new car coupler was made yesterday by the Anderson steel and forging company, and the test proved more than satisfactory. Alhough the test was the most severe one by several tons burdens yet applied the coupler worked like a charm. The company will now perfect arrangements as rapidly as possible to manufacture the contrivance and expect to have the car coupler in use on some of the railroads

within a few weeks.-Anderson Herald. A pitiful case is reported from Mar Barnes, a few miles northwest of Morgantown. Recently he drove her from

The game law of Indiana has been changed in such a manner that some of our sports are liable to get in trouble if they don't post up. The old law made the time to hunt from Oct. 15 to Dec. 20,

most as large as a saucer. A dead one was also found in the same bunch.—Columbus Daily Times.

Barney Stewart, a lawyer of Waka-rusa, was gathering hickory nuts one day last week, and while climbing a tree and when about thirty feet from the ground the limb upon which he was holding broke, precipitating him to the ground. The shock to his system was so severe that he has been in a critical condition ever since, with little hope of recovery. One arm was broken in such a manner that it is thought amputation

Tippecance county has certainly contributed its share toward the world's picions of the teacher, and he discovered that the doctor had written "3 or 4 days." The boy had changed it to 304 surprise when it is known that the railsurprise when it is known that the railroad companies here up to the present time have sold to residents of this county nearly 20,000 tickets, and it is a low estimate to say that the entire amount expended by the above number is not less than \$400,000, and still they say business is dull.-Lafayette Dally Courier.

Saturday night at 6 o'clock Jacob Altadder and Fred Steinhauser, farmers from Posey county, were robbed by three masked men on the Mt. Vernon road. Of late more than four farmers are reported to have been robbed while returning home. The amounts stolen in each old, has a wooden, which is the best of case were small, however. Last week the the awo, so he says, and he can do a authorities were notified of a case which big day's work yet. His health is better occurred on the road leading to the St. this fall than for a number of years .- | Joseph cemetery. As yet they have made no discoveries .- Mt. Vernon Demo-

> Calvin Gibson has brought suit at Brazil against the T. H. & I. railroad company for damages in the sum of \$5,000 in consideration of the death of his son. Thomas Gibson, aged seventeen years, who, as alleged, lost his life by being violently ejected from a train by the employes of the road, while moving at the rate of fifteen miles in this city on the 5th of June last, the wheels of the train severing his head from his body when thrown from the train.-Greencastle Democrat.

The bodies in an old graveyard at Laporte are being removed to another plat to make room for modern improvements. Over one hundred graves have been opened so far. In the majority of the graves nothing but a few decayed bones and a skull are found, while in others the bodies are found to be in partially decomposed condition. The remains of one woman, who was buried in 1831, were found to be turned completely over, as if she had been buried alive, and had turned in her grave.-Goshen Democrat.

Aaron Turiey sold to B. H. Hancock this week nine two-year-old mules that average 1,134 pounds, four of which averaged 1,205 pounds. They were bought by the pound at 121/2 cents per pound. This is the first we ever knew of mules selling that way, and they were the finest and fattest lot of mules we ever saw. They were bought for a sugar plantation in the South. Mr. Turley has been feeding them for several months for the market and realized a handsome profit from them .- Orleans

Chief of Police Lewis of Connersville received a communication from J. W. Stout, sheriff Vigo county, to be on the lookout for an escaped convict named Harry Sullivan, sentenced for picking pockets. While on the way from Terre Haute to Jeffersonville he jumped from the train at Seymour and escaped. He is about twenty years of age and claims Anderson his home. He s a telegraph operator, claiming to have worked at Hyde Park. A reward of \$50 is offered for his capture and detention.

The Ripley county court house stood in need of a new coat of paint, and thereby hangs an interesting tale of the county commissioners. The board of commissioners ordered the court house painted, awarding the contract to Fred W. Bohnen at a good price. Now come all the other contracting painters in the region around; they testify with one accord that the contract has been awarded at a price double what it should have been. It also appears, from their statements that no one but Mr. Bohnen and the board knew that a contract was about to be awarded.

A meeting of the patrons of the Ashboro public schools was held at school house last Friday night. A motion was made that M. A. Jones's son be permitted to re-enter the school without correction and punishment, on which seven votes were cast for and four against, nineteen of the thirty present not voting at all. Of course, the meeting accomplished and settled nothing. The matter rests substantially as pre-viously. The young man Jones was ejected from the school by the principal, Henry Cromwell, for violent interference with the punishment of another pupil.

Fred Wetk walked rapidly down Jackson-st. Wednesday morning with an immense pane of glass under his arm. He was reared back like Bismarck on dress parade and eagerly sniffed the bracing October air, feeling that it was good to be alive. But a monster, cruel and relentless, the terrible octopus of terra firma, had camped on his trail. It laid for him. His foot struck a banana peel the glass was shivered into a thousand pieces and Mr. Welk-was jarred. A bystander says Fred addressed the wide, wide world for some time in all the dialects ever heard in Flanders.-Greencastle Democrat.

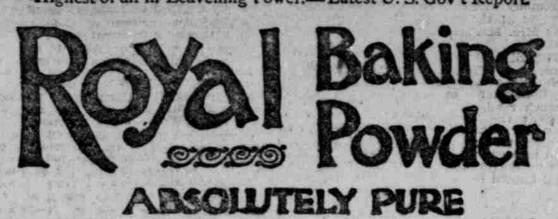
The dead body of a child, which ap parently had not lived many hours after birth, was found in a brush pile at New Albany Wednesday by two young negroes. The body had been placed in a pasteboard box and thrown over the embankment under the trestle of the New Albany Belt and terminal railroad, and the absence of decomposition showed that it had not been there long before it was found. The only mark on the body was a bruise upon the left temple, but that was probably caused by a fall. Coroner Starr was called and examined the corpse, but was unable to determine whether the infant had ever

Last Saturday night Lew Brown and some other parties got into a difficulty in a saloon on N. Second-st., but soon amade up and Brown thought the matter all settled. About midnight Mr. Brown started to his home on E. Perry-st. and just before reaching there some one shot at him, the ball taking effect in the thigh of his left leg. The party was so close that Mr. Brown's coat caught on fire from the discharge of the revolver. Mr. Brown says he does not know who did the deed. He says he hasn't any enemy in the world that he knows of. A doctor was summoned who dressed the wound and says he will soon recover. Mr. Brown is a teamster in the employ of

Charles Halter.-Vincennes Sun. For some time Mr. and Mrs. Clint Haggard have not dwelled happily to-gether and a few weeks ago they conhome. Friday the girl went to a woods | cluded to separate. This morning Mrs. near by and gave birth to a child un-attended by any person. Both lay there year-old son, took the Lake Erie for Laall day in cold and rain, and the child | fayette where she intends making her died from exposure. The mother was future home, but the lady had scarcely found and is being cared for, but her taken her seat in the car when the huscondition is serious. She is only twenty- | band rushed in and asked that she surrender the boy to him. This the mother Yesterday afternoon a large living ta-rantula was caught alive, at Frank paying no heed to her objections, seized Nolting's store. It was observed crawl- the child and rushing from the car, left ing about in a large bunch of bananas | the train with the little one, while the that have been hanging there almost mother went on to the Star City, not, a week. It was captured, placed in a however, without promising that she

at the depot.-Frankfort News. Last Wednesday evening a dance was given at Bell's hall by Dick Kline. Good Huntington music was in attendance, also a nice company of respectable Andrews ladfes and a few gentlemen. They were enjoying themselves when a couple of women staggered in who were soon found to be drunk. In a few moments another woman, more drunk than the others, ran to the marshal near by for protection, claiming a man with whom she had driven from Huntington had threatened to shoot her, but she was soon quieted. The Andrews ladies seeing the company they were in, scampered for their wraps and went home. All of who saw the boy's back affirm that the Huntington women and one of the nothing was visible save some blue men disgraced themselves by their ac-

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tions. Such conduct is disreputable and sult from a severe whipping. the Signal will advertise them if they appear here again in that condition .-Andrews Signal.

Henry Burnside, a Pleasant township | court, farmer, well-to-do, was found yesterday he did the whipping and was fined \$10 morning in his home, near Ferguson sta- and costs, amounting in all to \$34.70, tion, just recovering from the effects of a chloroform sleep. A burglar had entered his house by climbing through a cellar window, and had ransacked his fine and the whole affair is considsleeping room, taking \$18 in silver from his pockets. A sharp ax stood near Mr. Burnside's bed and on a small stand in the room was a bottle of chloroform and a handkerchief that had been used in applying the stupefying drug. Farmers from the neighborhood formed themselves into a band of man hunters and started in search of a strange negro who was seen in the neighborhood of Mr. Burnside's house Monday evening. Sheriff Clausmeler and the Ft. Wayne police are keeping their eyes open in the ope of catching the burglar here. Mr. Burnside is weak from the effects of the drug.-Ft. Wayne Gazette.

A carload of little children from the Boston orphan's home arrived at Rochester, Ind., on the 7th. The little fellows were eagerly taken by good families of that locality, the supply being inadequate to meet the demand. The conditions upon which these orphans are so placed provide that those taking children agree to receive them into their own family as one of their own children. To give them a good common school education, to go with them to church and Sunday school, to give them parental care in case of sickness, to report their welfare to the home once every six months, to not dispose of them in any way without the consent of the home, to return them to the institution within three months at no expense to the home if the child is not agreeable or satisfactory, and to cur-render the child to officers of the home if not treated according to the articles of agreement.-Goshen Democrat.

It is really painful to see, such a good officer as the Hon. A. C. Bearss, of Peru, postoffice inspector, with headquarters at Cincinnati, step down and out to give place to a democrat. Mr. Bearss is such an inoffensive citizen. There is nothing partisan about him. Because he helped nominate Harrison for president and is a republican who never roasts or slanders a democrat only when it comes handy is no reason why he should lose his fat place with | this condition that she did it., Miss Bril inspector and all that, but does he suppose that all the fine inspectors are in the republican party? He thought so much of his fat place that he went to Secretary Gresham, whom Bearss dubbed "renegade" last fall, to obtain a "pull" with the secretary. Bearss blubbered around, but it was all in vain. He had to go. It is more than the republicans can stand. If they are all to be kicked out within the next few years they might as well give up the ghost .-

Wabash Times. The steam yacht Lois of Benton Harbor arrived in port last evening on her way down the Mississippi and along the gulf coast to Florida. She started from Benton Harbor yesterday morning and put in here to open up her grates. Those aboard the boat are Silas Sink, her captain; E. H. Goldman, the owner, acpanied by his wife and daughter, and Arthur Gray, the coast pilot. . They will be joined at Chicago by a friend, Alvin Toney, of Benon Harbor. The party are making a pleasure trip to Florida and the expedition was gotten up by Goldman especially for his wife's health, He is going to Florida to spend the winter at least, in order that his wife may be benefited by the milder climate. The boat departed this afternoon for Chicago, whence she will sail down the Illinois canal, thence down the Illinois river to the Mississippi. Then the trip will be made down the Mississippi and around the coast to Santa Rosa sound, where the town of Point Washington is located. The party will locate in the town of Point Washington.-Michigan City Dis-

William Houston, a recent arrival at the Jeffersonville penitentiary, sent from Brazil, Clay county, to serve a term for larceny, does not know what a narrow escape he had from being hanged last Monday. Alexander, the hoy train-wrecker, whose arrival at the prison was noted yesterday, related the following story last evening: "He was confined in the Cay county jail with Houston, the notorious Noah King and three other men accused of serious crimes. King planned a jail delivery, which, but for the interference of Houston, would have liberated every inmate. It had been arranged to kill any one who tried to prevent the escape and the longer Houston studied over the matter the more nervous he became. King's rage became something terrible, and he proposed to his confederates to hang Houston in jail. Accordingly a quilt was torn into strips, and late Monday night it was the intention to hang Houston and declare he had committed suicide. By chance Houston was brought to Jeffersonville Monday afternoon, otherwise he would now be a corpse.-Courier-Journal.

The joys of hickory nutting are many -if a man has a keen appreciation of joy. What delight there is in getting up early in the morning and walking or riding eight or ten miles over a rough road. And what boiled down, concentrated joy in running two miles across fields to escape from an angry farmer and his bull dog, when the tiller of the soil does not allow trespassing on his farm. What inexpressible happiness in sitting down on a log and rising up suddenly after about twenty-five "chiggers" have found their way to various portions of your anatomy and are staking out claims with all the persistance of a Cherokee strip boomer. A chigger is a small red insect about as big as a grain of Caystinging power. To add to the pleasure of the day you can fall out of a tree, tear your clothes on the bushes, lose watch, stumble into an old ditch, get hit on the head by a club thrown at | outside of the pulpit to masonry. needles, and come home at night with a peck of hickory nuts that are too green to hull, and will simply dry up until they look like overgrown buckshot.— Muncie News. The recent Baldridge sensation has

been the topic of discussion for the past few days. So nearly as we can learn the facts in the case are as follows: Harry Baldridge is a boy of average ability but of bad disposition. His mother has long been regarded as a reckless character and is generally feared by everybody. At the beginning of school year Mrs. Baldridge went to the school house and stated to the superintendent that she wanted her boy punished if he did not bring up his work, or if his conduct was not satis-factory. Last week the boy absolutely refused to get any of his lessons. means of persuasion were exhausted but without success. As a last resort boy was punished by his teacher, Alfred Symonds. The whip used was a trifle over two feet long and but little larger in circumference than an ordinary lead pencil. After the boy went home his mother took him to a prominent physician of this place (whose name need not be mentioned), who examined the boy's back and reported the skin cut open in many places. This was a gross misrepresentation, as all

Baldridge swore out a warrant for Mr. Symonds's arrest and he was taken to Richmond and brought before the Mr. Symonds acknowledged that ered an outrage. Our people, with one accord, are determined that law and order must be maintained in the public schools.-Richmond Sun.

Jesse Brant, living north of here, got on a high lonesome Saturday night and getting hold of a butcher knife attempted to scalp his wife. He made a pass at her throat, but only left a gash about two inches long, not having taken the distance in according to his reach After chasing her over the hills and far away to a neighbor's house he returned and gave chase to his oldest son, Harry, who let no grass grow under his feet in getting over the same amount of land mother did. Returnig, he chased all but the last two out and then commenced to break up housekeeping by demolishing the furniture, etc. The brave neighbors were afraid of Jesse's knife and let him have his own way until he got tired. When overcome by exhaus-tion he fell in bed and slept the sleepas he supposed- of the innocent. Jesse, it seems, is jealous of a certain minister who has been around the county, and whether or not he has any grounds for his jealousy is not known. Jesse declares the next preacher that fools with of passion, produce his wife's affections shall be crucified instanter, and without a church trial elther.-Crawfordsville Review.

Danville people were startled by the announcement that Miss Ada Brill of Pittsboro had died from strychnine poisoning. It was at first reported that she had taken the strychnine by mistake for quinine, but later reports show that she knew it was strychnine when she took it and that she did so purposely and with the intention of destroying herself. She left no word of any kind to indicate the cause of the rash act, and her friends are at a loss to attribute any, as she appeared as happy and contented just previous to the act as ever. The fact that she had been in poor health for some time may have temporarily unbalanced her mind and it may have been while in the government. Mr. Bearss is a fine | was nineteen years old, bright and intelligent and was popular and respected by a large acquaintance throughout the entire county. She was a leading member of her home Y. P. S. C. E., and had just returned from the annual meeting of the Hendricks county union at Plainfield, where she had led the prayer-meeting services the evening before.-Hendricks County Gazette.

> The watchfulness of Guards Huth and Cotton prevented the escape of two convicts from the Jeffersonville penitentiary Monday. Confined in "A" cell house were Edward Evans and Charles Simpson, both of whom are noted burglars. The former is serving a term of eight years and the latter a four-year her name to cover up his interest in his sentence. At intervals in the night the guards had their attention attracted by an unusual noise, but they were unable to locate it. Just before daybreak they observed Evans in the act of leaving his cell. Several bricks had been removed from the wall and a space sufficient to permit a man to crawl through had been made with tools which had been stolen from the shops where the men performed their tasks. Evans was armed with a heavy piece of iron, but disbarred from practice before the made no effort to use it, as the guards advanced with pistols drawn and commanded him to surrender. Under his coat was a saw, which he intended to use in cutting through the roof. Simpson had a knife, but this he dropped when a pistol was held in his face. The men were provided with ropes, which they had made from blankets. After reaching the cell house roof these would have been utilized in lowering themselves to the ground. Warden Patten was warm in his praise of Guards Huth and Cotton.

The Rev. William F. Pettit, who died in the northern prison Friday evening, was born in Mexico, N. Y., thirty-five years ago. He was educated at the town school and graduated from the Mexico academy. He was intelligent and absorbed knowledge rapidly. After gradwest Monroe, N. Y., and taught school Mrs. Morgan is properly regarded as a in the Ostrum district. He professed religion while residing at West Monroe and became an exhorter in the methodist church. He conducted services at Gay- is the innocent tool used by her designing ville and other points and was quite successful in his work. He became ac- action of Morgan in so misusing the quainted with Miss Hattie Sperry, youngest daughter of the late J. W Sperry, and their acquaintance terminated in their marriage at West Monroe in January, 1881. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Pettit had taught school at South Bend and, soon after their marriage, she and Mr. Pettit moved to South Bend, from such evil practices. where Pettit taught school for a while and then found employment with the Studebakers. He was employed in differ- standing in the community, and cover ent capacities for some time and then relinquished commercial pursuits to enter evidence is voluminous, judging from the the ministry. He was assigned to a number interviewed and examined and small charge in the northern part of the | the length of time involved in the taking state, but his first assignment worthy of notice was at Shawnee Mound. He was a man of commanding stature, possessed a deep, sonorous voice and could be extremely genial when he pleased to papers at once do so. He had an easy flow of language, expressed original ideas in forcible language and gained some prominence as an orator. He made friends rapidly and became very popular with the members of his congregation, devoting much attention to the ladies. Mrs. Pettit was a quiet, reserved lady and was quite intelligent; but the did not possess the dash her husband did and was not so much given to worldly matters. was decorous in her conduct and was regarded as a true lady by all who knew her. Pettit devoted much of his time hickory nuts, drop your lunch basket in rose to the thirty-second degree and was scandalous statements were then given a a brook, get burrs in your hair, have grand prelate of the grand commandery wide publicity by the daily papers of the your trousers stuck full of Spanish of the Knights Templars of Indiana at the time of his downfall. He was an active member of the order and was always a welcome guest at the banquts given by the order. In connection with his church work he was secretary of the Battle Ground campmeeting association and entered upon his work with the same energy he displayed in lodge and church work. After he left the ministry he came to this city and was admitted to the Tippecanoe county bar. After leav-ing her he went to Columbus, O., and became the agent of a publishing con-Mrs. Pettit, Asine, and she is now living with her sunt, but is hardly old enough to realize the full import of the legacy that has been left her.-Lafayette Jour-

Burned to the Ground.

OGDEN, Oct. 18.-Special.-The farm residence of Mrs. Rebecca Shepley, onehalf mile northwest of Ogden, caught fire near the roof about 1 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, and burned to the ground. with most of the contents, Loss on building and contents, \$2,000, with in-surance for \$725, in the Phoenix of

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WAS KILLED BY A WOMAN.

THE VILLAGE OF WALTON UNDER MUCH EXCITEMENT.

J. Oscar Walton Meets His Death-Shot at the Hands of Mrs. Augusta Schmidt-The Woman Taken to Logansport and Lodged in Jail-Full Details of the Tragedy-Mrs. Schmidt the Principal Claimant in the Howard County Hooper Estate.

LOGANSPORT, Oct. 20 .- Special .- The town of Walton, ten miles south of this city, is greatly excited over the murder of J. Oscar Walton by Mrs. Augusta Schmidt.

Walton had called upon Mrs. Schmidt at her farm, three miles from town, asking her to vacate the farm, as he had obtained a lease of the same.

Mrs. Schmidt claims that he threatened her with violence if she failed to give up the place, when she went into another room, got a revolver and returning, shot Walton through the head. The wound has been pronounced fatal and Mrs. Schmidt gave herself up and was brought to Logansport tonight and lodged in jail.

Walton was only about thirty-two years old and unmarried. Mrs. Schmidt 4s past fifty years old and is one of the claimants for the celebrated Hooper es-

Another report of the crime says that
Mrs. Schmidt rented her farm to her
victim and was to have given possession
of the house last March, but falled to do of the house last March, but failed to do so. Finally she and her husband vacated a part of the house and Walton, together with his father and mother, moved in and repeated his demands for complete possession, which resulted in frequent disputes. This morning, Walton again pressed

his claims for possession somewhat vigorously and Mrs. Schmidt, in the heat of passion, produced a revolver and KOKOMO, Oct. 20.-Special.-Augusta Schmidt, the woman who shot J. Oscar Walton to death near the village of Walton, in Cass county, this morning, was the principal claimant in the Chris-

tiana Hooper estate in this county, valued at \$60,000. After a long litigation she secured the bulk of the estate. She came from Germany ten years ago and acted as companion of Christiana Hooper, her aunt. By verbal bequest she was given much of the personal property, beside her share as one of the three direct heirs. Like Mrs. Hooper, she was a woman of strange temperament, and was re-

garded as a rather eccentric character. The choice of a husband was made for her by her patroness and they lived unhappily together.

TURN THE LIGHT ON HIM. A Character That Reveals Signe of Crookedness.

BLOOMINGTON, Oct. 22.-Special .-W. S. Burton, special examiner United States pension bureau of this district, was a few weeks ago investigating the claims of various kinds, and among them the case of Mrs. C. B. Morgan, an attorney of record practicing before the pension bureau.

It is understood here that one James

F. Morgan, her husband, has been using pension business. The object of this investigation seemed to be to disclose this fact. During the pendency of the examination other facts of an incriminatveloped, among which are such things as the making of false affidavits, and the attaching of fraudulent jurats. It also appears that James F. Morgan was pension office more than a year ago. Finding he could not practice in his own | persons hurt. name, he used that of his wife to cover up his real interest, Mr. Burton proceeded with the investigation in a quiet manner and has kept closely at it al week, but is, of course, very reticent about the matter. He declines making any statement relative thereto; but there is ample ground for believing, and it is revelations in reference to this matter will soon be officially spread before the public in official documents, and a prosecution in the United States district court will probably follow the investigation, and Mrs. Morgan likely disbarred from is surmised that her refusal to pay him Mrs. Morgan is properly regarded as a good Christian woman, and no reflection or stigma will be cast upon her, as she and somewhat notorious husband. The good name of his wife is regarded here as but another evidence of his infamy. The result of this matter will therefore be watched by this community with great interest, especially by those desirous of seeing the pension bureau purged

The witnesses whose testimony has been taken embrace men of the highest almost every vocation in life; and the of the testimony. The report will be at once forwarded to the commissioner of pensions, when all the facts will then most likely be given to the public news-

In this connection it will be interesting to give a resume of the inception of this investigation: Rumors have been rife for many years that the practices on the cabbage. All will recover. of Morgan in pension cases have been very crooked. About two years ago he was implicated in a scheme, a dastardly scheme to involve Congressman Cooper as an acceptor of a bribe under color of a fee-or an alleged fee-to advance a certain pension claim. Morgan volunteered himself as a witness, and voluntarily appeared before the congressional committee on invalid pensions at Washington, and his manifestly false and country. The manner in which he disgraced himself, and disappointed the then commissioner of pensions-Green B. Raum-by his flagrant actions before the committee, will be remembered by newspaper readers.
Mr. Burton deserves credit for the

manner in which he has conducted this investigation, without a semblance of malice, and endeavoring only to get at the facts as they exist.

THAT POTATO PATCH SHOOTING. Four Men Indicted for Murder at Marion.

MARION, Oct. 20 .- Special. -The shooting of Abe Stumpff on the night of Oct. 11, when entering the potato patch of James Lemon, occurred under circumstances that have dommanded considerable attention here. Stumpff had foreclosed a mortgage on

a team of horses he had sold to Frank Stevens, yet the latter claims that Stumpff requested him to join in a raid upon the Lemon potato crop. Lemon is a brother-in-law of Stevens, who informed him of the proposed raid. When Stumpff entered the place he received a load of shot at a distance of fifteen paces, from which he died next morning. Before he died, however, Stevens attempted to secure possession of the team, pretending that he would sell

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them and turn the proceeds over to Lemon as an inducement not to prosecute for thievery. It is also admitted that Stevens had left Stumpff that night, and that when the shooting occurred, he was with Lemon and his companions, Anderson Hatfield and Martin Adamson. Yesterday evening the grand jury brought in an indictment against

Stevens, Lemon, Hatfield and Adamson for murder in the first degree. EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION.

Westfield's Novel Way of Keeping Out a Saloon. NOBLESVILLE, Oct. 17.-Special .-

The attempt of two Broad Ripple men to open a saloon in Westfield has proved an utter failure. Uutil yesterday they openly declared that they intended to carry out their purpose and the good people of that Quaker hamlet seemed equally as determined on the other side. Several public meetings of temperance workers were held in the methodist church and the men and their mission denounced in the most scathing of terms. Finally the citizens secured a cinch on the whisky dealers. Yesterday they were arrested on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and fined neavily in Squire Hutchenson's court. The court then offered to remit the fines f the defendants would give bond to the effect that they would not open a saloon there. One of the men took advantage of this offer and skipped the town, while the second party was lodged in the Noblesville jail to lay out his fine. The citizens of Westfield are determined that no saloon shall be opened in their quiet little town.

SALOON DYNAMITED.

Complete Wreck Made of a Waverly

MARTINSVILLE, Oct. 18 .- Special .-Joe Moss's saloon at Waverly, this county, was blown up with dynamite by some unknown persons at midnight last night. A month ago a light charge was let off under his building as a hint of what he might expect. The building and contents were badly wrecked last night. Waverly people say they want no saloons. No

A Brutal Assault.

NOBLESVILLE, Oct. 18.—Special.— About 7 o'clock last night a tramp umbrella mender brutally assaulted Mrs. W. W. Ritchie, an esteemed lady of this city, and then made his escape. He choked her in a frightful manner, struck her several heavy blows in the face, pulled great handfull of hair from her head and succeeded in tearing all of her clothing from the upper part of her body. Mrs. Ritchie says the tramp demanded 30 cents of her for work he was supposed to have done, when in reality no such a debt was ever contracted. was the cause of the assault.

Bold Horse Thieves. PLAINFIELD, Oct. 18 .- Special .- Mr. Alva Fletcher and family, who live on a farm two miles west of this place, are attending the world's fair, leaving the farm in the care of his father and hired hands. Yesterday afternoon an unknown man went to Mr. Fletcher's barn, hitched his best span of horses to his best surrey and drove off, since which time no trace of man or rig can be had. The farm hands saw the man hitching up, but thought it was the elder Mr. Fletcher and gave the matter no more thought until feeding time,

A Family Poisoned.

WINCHESTER, Oct. 18. - Special --Andy Thomas and family, five in number, were poisoned by eating cabbage for dinner. In the night they were taken violently sick, sent for the family doctor who, upon an examination, pronounced it arsenic poisoning. They are at a loss to know how the poison got into their food, as they say they have put no poison of any kind

Burglar Sentenced.

SHELBYVILLE. Oct. 17. - Special. -George Motley, a young colored man, pleaded guilty of robbing the safe at the Ray house and the judge sent him to the penitentiary for eighteen months. He was caught in the act by a watcher placed in a room over the office looking through a hole in the ceiling. Acquitted.

AUBURN, Oct. 17 .- Special .- Thomas R. Evett, night watchman of Butler, was acquitted at 8 o'clock this morning for killing Warran Blackwell last April while the latter was resisting arrest. The verdict gives general satisfaction. The trial lasted a week.

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